

## ANNEX 12 (ESF-12)

### ENERGY

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PRIMARY: Office of Regulatory Staff

SUPPORT: Budget and Control Board, Division of Insurance and Grants Services,  
State Energy Office; Public Service Authority (Santee Cooper)

#### I. INTRODUCTION

- A. Energy includes producing, refining, transporting, generating, transmitting, conserving, building, and maintaining electric and natural gas energy system components. Damage to a system can have a rippling effect on supplies, distribution, or other transmission systems.
- B. ESF-12 will closely coordinate with the electric and natural gas utilities operating in the state to ensure the integrity of power supply systems are maintained during emergency situations and any damages incurred are repaired and services restored in an efficient and expedient manner afterward. ESF-12 will have primary responsibility to monitor and coordinate the availability of electric utility generating capacity and reserves, the availability and supply of natural gas, supply and transportation of generation and transportation fuels, and emergency power. ESF-12 will also monitor and coordinate the restoration of electric and natural gas services for normal community functioning.

#### II. MISSION

To assess the extent of damage, provide information, and as necessary, coordinate the restoration of energy systems during a disaster in South Carolina.

#### III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

- A. The Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) is responsible for the coordination of all ESF-12 administrative, management, planning, training, preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery activities to include developing, coordinating, and maintaining the ESF-12 SOP. All ESF-12 supporting agencies will assist the Office of Regulatory Staff in the planning and execution of the above. All ESF-12 personnel will be trained on the principles of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Incident Command and integrate those principles into all ESF-12 planning and response operations.
- B. Coordination with all supporting and other appropriate departments/agencies, organizations and utilities will be performed to ensure operational readiness.

- C. Owners and operators of investor-owned (private), and public utilities systems shall be responsible for the activation of plans for appropriate allocation of resources of personnel, equipment and services to maintain or restore utility service under their control.
- D. In coordination with, and in support of, the State Assessment Team (SAT), ESF-12 will assess the situation (both pre- and post-event), and in coordination with local emergency management officials, develop strategies to respond to the emergency.
- E. ESF-12 will coordinate with public and investor-owned and operated electric and natural gas utility services to ensure provision and/or restoration of energy services to the public.
- F. Considerations for allocation of energy resources will include but are not limited to:
  - 1. Coordinating with state agencies and emergency response organizations to assist with accessing sufficient fuel supplies.
  - 2. Providing technical support and personnel for support of emergency activities being conducted by local EOCs or state ESFs as requested through the SEOC.
  - 3. Coordinating with utility representatives to determine emergency response and recovery needs.
  - 4. Coordinating with ESF-6 and local EOCs to identify emergency shelter power restoration status/needs and coordinate with ESF-12 support agencies and other ESFs with assistance in providing resources for emergency power generation.

#### IV. **ESF ACTIONS**

The emergency operations necessary for the performance of this function include but are not limited to:

- A. Preparedness
  - 1. Develop and maintain current directories of suppliers of services and products associated with this function.
  - 2. Establish liaison with support agencies and energy-related organizations.
  - 3. In coordination with public and private utilities, ensure plans for restoring and repairing damaged energy systems are updated.

4. In coordination with public and private utilities, establish priorities to repair damaged energy systems and coordinate the provision of temporary, alternate, or interim sources of natural gas supply, petroleum fuels, and electric power.
5. Promote and assist in developing mutual assistance compacts with the suppliers of all power resources.
6. Develop energy conservation protocols.
7. Annually review the Department of Homeland Security Universal Task List and integrate tasks as appropriate.
8. Ensure all ESF-12 personnel integrate NIMS and Incident Command principles in all planning. All ESF personnel will complete all required NIMS training, as outlined in the 2006 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) training guidance.

B. Response

1. Analyze affected areas to determine operational priorities and emergency repair procedures with utility field personnel. Provide status of energy resources to the SEOC Operations Group as required and, when possible, provide data by county.
2. In coordination with public and private utilities, prioritize rebuilding processes, if necessary, to restore power to affected areas.
3. Locate fuel for emergency operations.
4. Administer, as needed, statutory authorities for energy priorities and allocations.
5. Apply necessary state resources, to include debris removal, in accordance with established priorities in response to an emergency.
6. Provide energy emergency information, education and conservation guidance to the public in coordination with ESF-15.
7. Coordinate with ESF-1 for information regarding transport of critical energy supplies.
8. Plan for and coordinate security for vital energy supplies with ESF-13.

9. Maintain continual status of energy systems and the progress of utility repair and restoration activities to include collecting and providing energy damage assessment data to ESF-3.
10. Recommend energy conservation measures.

C. Recovery

1. Maintain coordination with all supporting agencies and organizations on operational priorities and emergency repair and restoration.
2. Continue to provide energy emergency information, education and conservation guidance to the public in coordination with the ESF-15.
3. Anticipate and plan for arrival of, and coordination with, FEMA ESF-12 and Department of Energy personnel in the SEOC and the Joint Field Office.
4. Continue to conduct restoration operations until all services have been restored.
5. Ensure that ESF-12 team members or their support agencies maintain appropriate records of costs incurred during the event.

D. Mitigation

1. Anticipate and plan for mitigation measures.
2. Support requests and directives resulting from the Governor and/or FEMA concerning mitigation and/or re-development activities.
3. Document matters that may be needed for inclusion in agency or state/federal briefings, situation reports and action plans.

V. **RESPONSIBILITIES**

A. Office of Regulatory Staff

1. Identify, train, and assign ORS personnel to staff ESF-12 in the SEOC.
2. Notify all ESF-12 support agencies upon activation.
3. Maintain communications with electric utilities in responding to and recovering from emergencies regarding electric generating capacity shortages, electric generating fuel shortages, transmission

and distribution line outages, and electrical service outages affecting the public.

4. Develop protocols to establish priorities to repair damaged energy systems and coordinate the provision of temporary, alternate, or interim sources of natural gas supply and electric power.
5. Develop protocols to report the following:
  - a. State electric generating capacity.
  - b. State electric demand.
  - c. By county and other jurisdictions, number of customers impacted, and estimated restoration time.
  - d. Status of major generating unit outages.
  - e. Expected duration of event.
  - f. Explanation of utility planned actions and recommendations of agency actions in support of utilities.
  - g. Maintain status of natural gas pipelines to include private sector providers that connect to state maintained pipelines.

B. Budget and Control Board, Division of Insurance and Grants Services, State Energy Office

1. Identify, train, and assign personnel to staff ESF-12 during activation.
2. Direct efforts to manage transportation fuels or non-utility fuel supplies in the event of a shortage required for residential, commercial, or industrial purposes.
3. Provide technical assistance to include those items listed in paragraph A4-5 above.

C. Public Service Authority (Santee Cooper)

1. Identify and assign personnel to maintain contact with and prepare to execute missions in support of ESF-12 during periods of activation. On order, staff ESF-12 in the SEOC.
2. Provide equipment and technical assistance.

**VI. FEDERAL INTERFACE**

- A. This annex is supported by National Response Plan ESF-12, Energy. Federal ESF-12 gathers, assesses, and shares information on energy system damages and the impact of energy system outages. ESF-12 works closely with and aids in meeting requests from state and local energy officials, energy suppliers, and deliverers. Energy is defined as producing, refining, transporting, generating, transmitting, conserving, building, and maintaining energy systems and energy system components.
- B. ESF-12 will be represented at the Joint Field Office (JFO) and will:
  - 1. Serve as the federal focal point for receipt of reports on damage to energy supply and distribution system and requirements for system design and operations, procedures for preparedness, prevention, recovery, and restoration;
  - 2. Advise federal, state, and local authorities on priorities for energy restoration, assistance, and supply;
  - 3. Assist industry, state, and local emergency response actions;
  - 4. Assist federal departments and agencies by locating fuel for transportation, communications, emergency operations, and national defense;
  - 5. Recommend federal actions to conserve fuel; and
  - 6. Provide energy supply information and guidance on the conservation and efficient use of energy to federal, state, and local governments and to the public.
- C. All ESF-12 personnel will be familiar with the National Response Plan (NRP) and the corresponding annex with Federal counterpart concepts, actions and responsibilities. This familiarization will include but not be limited to the make up, functions and responsibilities of the Emergency Response Team – Advanced Element (ERT-A), Interagency Incident Management Groups (IIMG) and the Joint Field Office (JFO).
- D. State ESF-12 will coordinate with Federal ESF-12 to obtain federal assistance, as required.